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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication filed 7/2/04.

Response to Amendment

2. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claims 5-43 and added new claims 44-52.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 1-4 and 44-52 (renumbered claims 1-4 and 5-13) are allowed.
- 4. Applicant's amendment/arguments see page 5 lines 13-14 and page 6 lines 2-4), filed 7/2/04, with respect to claims 1-4 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The art rejection of claims 1-4 has been withdrawn. Claims 44-45 depend on claims 1. Therefore are also allowable. Newly added claim 46 includes feature of generation of change in energy and classifying input data using change in energy. Claims 47-52 depend on claims 46.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory M. Desire whose telephone number is (703) 308-9586. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00) Second Monday off.

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